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PENCE APPEARS NATIONWIDE ON DIGITAL FIELD TRIP AT SMITHSONIAN

Commends Ball State University and Muncie Students for Bringing

Washington, Apr 20, 2004 - WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Mike Pence commended students at Ball State University and Burris Lab School in Muncie, Indiana, for their work on an electronic field trip today that brought the Smithsonian Institution's Air and Space Museum to more than 17 million students nationwide in cyberspace.

"I was extremely impressed with the students and faculty from Burris Middle School and Ball State University," Pence said. "I look forward to hosting the electronic field trip when it comes to Capitol Hill to broadcast live May 11 and 13," said Pence.

Pence participated in today's electronic fieldtrip from the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum's new Steven F. Udvar – Hazy Center at Dulles International Airport. He fielded questions from Burris Laboratory School students about his job as a congressman in Washington and his interest in the Udvar – Hazy Center's collection of more than 100 airplanes. The electronic field trip was available via webcast to 17.5 million students across the country.

"The students participating today not only got a fascinating lesson in the history of flight, but they were also able to see how modern technology is able to bring something as interesting as the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum right into their classroom," Pence said.

The next electronic field trip, scheduled to be on Capitol Hill on May 11 and 13, will allow students to learn about Congress and the legislative process.

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